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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 12576 ACTION SEC STATE DEC 22

QUOTE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE GENEVA 12576

PASS STR ELECTRONICALLY FOR WOLFF AND STEWART

EB FOR BARRACLOUGH

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD

SUBJECT: GATT CONSULTATIVE GROUP OF 18

REFERENCE: STATE 303161

1. LOCAL DELS MET DEC 21 TO DISCUSS AGENDA AND DATE OF
NEXT MEETING OF CG-18. DELS RELUCTANTLY AGREED TO POSTPONE-
MENT REQUESTED BY US AND NEW DATE NOW SET FOR FEB 21-22.
SEVERAL DELS STATED THAT THEY HAD ALREADY BLOCKED OUT THE
EARLIER DATES BUT WOULD ACCEPT FEB 21-22 DATES IF IT MEANT
THAT US WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL
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TO ASSURE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS IN THE GROUP. AFTER
MEETING DG LONG EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT US HAD ONCE
AGAIN SOUGHT POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING AND HE URGED THAT
WOLFF AND BARRACLOUGH ATTEND FEB 21-22 MEETING.

2. AGENDA WILL BE THE SAME AS AT THE LAST MEETING WITH THE
EXCEPTION THAT THE AUSTRALIAN ITEM ON AGRICULTURE WILL NOT

RPT NOT BE ON THE AGENDA. AUSTRALIANS INDICATED THAT THEY WILL AWAIT OUTCOME OF MTN BEFORE ADDING AGRICULTURAL ITEM TO AGENDA. AGENDA ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TRADE POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE. DG LONG SAID THAT THIS ITEM SHOULD FOCUS ON THE ROLE OF GATT IN COMBATING PROTECTIONIST TENDENCIES. WE INDICATED THAT GATT STUDY ON PROTECTIONISM AND LIBERALIZATION COULD SERVE AS THE BACKDROP FOR THIS DISCUSSION AND THAT WE HOPED OTHER DELS WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE STUDY. LONG ALSO SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSED MONITORING SYSTEM UNDER THIS ITEM.

(B) TRADE MEASURES TAKEN FOR BOP REASONS. LONG AGAIN EMPHASIZED PROCEDURES AND RULES PERTAINING TO TRADE MEASURES TAKEN FOR BOP REASONS BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE SAID THAT DELS SHOULD ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE RULES AND PROCEDURES PERTAINING TO TRADE MEASURES TAKEN BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

(C) THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM AND THE ROLE OF GATT--THE EC (LUYTEN) SOUGHT CONFIRMATION THAT DISPUTE SETTLEMENT WOULD AGAIN BE DISCUSSED UNDER THIS ITEM.

(D) DEFINITIVE APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. THE EC ASKED THAT THIS ITEM BE KEPT ON THE AGENDA.
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(E) OTHER BUSINESS. VANDEN HEUVEL. UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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